

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the application appearing on page 48 of the substitute specification mailed September 11, 2006, as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention features G-protein fusion receptors and chimeric GABA_B receptors (GABA_BRs), nucleic acid encoding such receptors, and the use of such receptors and nucleic acid. G-protein fusion receptors comprise at least one domain from a CaR, ~~a mGluR,~~ an mGluR, and/or a GABA_B receptor fused directly or through a linker to a guanine nucleotide-binding protein (G-protein). Chimeric GABA_BRs comprise at least one of a GABA_BR extracellular domain, a GABA_BR transmembrane domain, or a GABA_BR intracellular domain and one or more domains from a mGluR subtype 8 (mGluR8) and/or a CaR.